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AGAINST GERMANS ON FRONT OF MILE

hey Drive Teutons From Their Trenches to Depth of 400 Yards.

OWN OF MARIAMPOL NOW IN HANDS OF RUSSIANS

etrograd Reports Further Victories for Its Troops in Galicia.

RENCH PROGRESS AT VERDUN

ake Gains Near Fleury and Hold Enemy on Remainder of Line.

LONDON, August 13 .- Hard fighting Saturday night and Sunday Northwest of Pozieres, north of the mme, the British made an advance of arly a mile against the Germans and orthwest of Bazentin-le-Petit, while French southeast of ined a further foothold on the slopes

turday night, according to Berlin, The fighting near Ham and tire night and into Sunday, the men coming to grips in handhand encounters

cy and several villages along the hands of the Russians. All along even in the Carpathians, trograd reports that the Russians continuing their advance against

AT SEVERAL POINTS

nasterzyska, however, Berlin says

s strong offensive against the Aus- arranged. iven them from fortified positions in d taken prisoner more than 2,000 ad-

London War Office, howdisputes this statement, assert-British cavalry is still sich on Saturday evening had been ven back to a position east of Birs-

the Turks, but retreated after two ours' fighting.

gainst the Russians on the Persian ont and in Turkish Armenia also are

IMPORTANT ADVANCE

SCORED ON SOMME LONDON, August 13 .- An Important dvance on the Somme front north vest of Pozieres was announced toy by the War Office. The British pushed forward their lines 800 or 400 ards over a front of nearly a mile. The afternoon report from headquarers in France says:

'On the plateau northwest of Bazenf the heavy artillery.

"Last night we made three success ul raids on the enemy trenches, the irst southwest of La Folie farm, on the Imy ridge; the second opposite Caonne, and the third east of Armenieres. We inflicted many casualties n the enemy, capturing a machine oun and prisoners. The enemy at empted a raid near the Hohenzollern edoubt, which was repulsed with eavy loss by our infantry. Several Bavarian prisoners were captured. The enemy exploded a mine east of

abaret Rouge, but we occupied the ip of the crater. We fired three miles Neuve Chapelle and also outh of the quarries northwest of fulluch. The enemy made no attempt o occupy the craters."

TOWN OF MARIAMPOL

CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS PETROGRAD (via London). August -The Russian forces in Galicia have aptured the town of Mariampol, seven niles southeast of Halicz, and farther saued this evening.

PRENCH CONSOLIDATE

CAPTURED POSITIONS PARIS, August 13.-The French

ave made further progress southwest Maurepas, in the Somme sector, coording to an official announcement saued by the War Office to-night. violent artillery duel is proceeding in he Barleux-Chaulnes sector.

On the Verdun sector, a German at ack south of Avocourt wood was re-

North of the Somme the night calm. Our troops consolidated the positions on the conquered ground. A German attack from the direction of

(Continued on Second Page.)

Three Artillerymen Are Drowned in Surf

WILMINGTON, N. C., August 13 .-Three members of the North Carolina Coast Artillery reserves, in well, near here, lost their lives today while bathing in the surf at the fort. The dead are: First Sergeant William Ardrey and Lance Corporal Leouard Swalm, of the Charlotte company, and Fred White, of the Salisbury company. It is stated positively that Swaim and White were drowned. Ardrey is believed to have died of heart failure. It is said that Ardrey and Swalm lost their lives in efforts to rescue White. who cried for help when he found himself being carried out by the

CITIZENS ASSEMBLING FOR TRAINING CRUISE

On Tuesday These 2,300 Amateur Sailors Will Leave From Atlantic Coast Ports.

NINE BATTLESHIPS TO BE USED

Recruits Will Have Actual Training for Emergency-Rigid Routine of Daily Duties.

WASHINGTON, August 13 .- Leaving offices, shops and factories for nearly a month at sea, 2,300 citizen-sailors are assembling for the first naval training ruise of civilians ever held by the American navy. Next Tuesday they will sail from various Atlantic coast ports on nine battleships to receive actual sea training until the training trip known as the "John Paul Jones ruise" ends, on September 12.

The cruise of instruction is designed to qualify civilians for naval service in emergency, just as the camps at Plattsburg and elsewhere train civilians for army service.

MEN OF PROMINENCE

ENROLLED FOR CRUISE cruise include men prominent in valife in all important cities of the East, Middle West and on this ridge. Secretary McAdoo, of the Roosevelt, of the Navy, are among another is made. The British still keep make a formal announcement of his those who will receive the same treatment and training as college and high fortification not permitted to be made several places by the counterattacks school youths and others less promi-A rigid routine of daily duty, GERMAN COUNTERATTACK beginning before sunrise, has been

sailors will go aboard ship at Portand Gorizia sectors land, Me.; Newport, R. I. and Baltion at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Norfolk and Charleston, S. C. rks east of the Suez Canal have from New Haven, Albany, N. Y.; Brookboard the battleships Maine, New Jer-

ceive the recruits at Philadelphia from pursuit of the Turkish rear guard, that city, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Detroit. At Norfolk recruits from that Australians called on them to come in dates, will withdraw from the race city, Richmond, Cincinnati, Indian-Chicago, Minneapolis, After a long period of inactivity, the kee, Des Moines, St. Louis, Omaha, British along the Euphrates in Meso- Kansas City, Dallas and Washington Thus exposed, the German guns gradu-Louisiana. The battleship Alabama British locate a German battery, they ton, New Orleans and Houston, Tex., like a pack of hounds after a cornered known, it had been generally accepted at Charleston. The battleships Kear- fox. The British are hammering that Mr. Weaver would be the opposicruits from Portland, Boston, Worcester. Newport and Providence.

The total cost to each recruit is \$30. all paying their own railroad fares to points of embarkation.

SQUADRON WILL MOBILIZE

Admiral Helm, will mobilize at Gardi- eight-inch into Courcellette" or "a cou- his acquieseace to the new plan was were normal near the town of Senaca, amendments, and separate roll calls Rhode Island will be the flagship. After val," or "We might as well stop that "On the plateau northwest of Bazen- Rhode Island will be the nagship. After val," or "We might as well stop that tin-le-Petit we gained ground toward two or three days at Gardinier's Bay, the working party digging in Martinpuich and captured some enemy squadron will join the Atlantic Fleet, for the afternoon," and away go the while not unanticipated by the Harself of the party leaders urgently parties of the

> sailors will be taken to Tangier Sound, the map this way," said a gunner, "but, in Chesapeake Bay, for gunnery, small as a matter of bookkeeping in casualboat and other drills. During the last ties, the balance is all in our favor. It since readjuster days. week of the cruise the ships will re- softens things up for our infantry bemobilization and drill of motor-boats why the Germans can put no more entered for the motor-boat cruise.

DID DUTY, SAYS ROCKEFELLER

Makes Comment on Sermon to Which He Had Just Listened Attentively.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, August 13 .mon to-day on "Why Men Fail." The weeks there has been no rain except a preacher, Rev. Johnston Myers, D. D., slight shower. The ground is parche cluded he would come closer to God to fall from the trees in some places, by following a more difficult road, and by so doing eventually achieved suc- fire over a great depth of the German

in my career with a similar situation. Mr. Rockefeller said, after the service north the town of Podgiacy, according "My decision has been based on what o the Russian official communication I thought was my duty. I think I The thirsty men at the front are penned have done right."

WILL CONFER AT TURIN

Bozelli and Runciman Expected to Conclude and Sign Anglo-Italian

Agreement.

I.AST MOUNTAIN EXCURSION.
Via Norfolk and Western Rallway.
will leave Byrd Street Station to-morrow
morning promptly at 10:30. Very best
equipment. Go with the crowd. Phone
Madison 487 for further particulars.

BRITISH OFFENSIVE STILL IS VIGOROUS

Gunfire Keeps Up, and Every Day Some Strong Point Is Taken.

GERMAN CASUALTIES LARGE

Villages This Side of Bapaume Filled With Debris of Demolished Houses.

BY FREDERICK PALMER.

AT THE BRITISH FRONT, August 2 (dispatched at 12:50 o'clock, August (3) .- Any one who might think from reading the brief official reports that the British offensive were over if he went out to the field, would conclude judging from the unceasing enormous volume of gunfire, that the terrific battle was in progress. No one the correspondent meets at the front thinks that the offensive is over, or that anything but winter will stop it Though no village or considerable frontage of trenches was stormed in the last few days, every day found some strong point taken and some new trench thrown out in the course of the same kind of an operation which at Sea Designed to Qualify Them | followed and preceded each big blow. "The question this week," said ;

staff officer; "is whether our guns have killed more Germans than their guns have killed of us, and we know that the odds in our favor are at least two For six weeks now the

maintained a torrent of shell fire, which German prisoners who have been at Verdun say surpasses anything they the grand offensive began.

mans as they never had before, thanks highest point, its wooden being long since blown to splinters by into bits. It is incalculable and inconceivable the amount of shell fire spent is ever changing as one shell chasm Assistant Secretary in the pummeled earth is filled and domination by tactics and methods of

DESCRIBED AS COMIC The Australians describe the latest German counterattack, which made last night, as comic, if the result had not been so tragic for the parently the Germans were mostly re-British gun and machine-gun fire. Some forty survivors who got to the trenches held up their hands. The

The British guns are situated behind the conquered slopes of the ridge, while from the crest the British are able to see all the way to Bapaume. ally have been retiring, for once the go after it with a concentration fire

spirit into their counterattacks." As some illustration of the power of artillery when shells are ample and ing directly out of Judge Harrison's guns numerous, it is estimated that in this last week the Germans in Somme battle area have had 15,000 fire alone.

After three days of cooler weather. John D. Rockefeller listened to a ser- another heat wave has come. For four said Moses was offered riches, but con- by drought, and leaves are beginning One result of the widespread shell front, whether twelve-inch shells into "I have been confronted several times distant villages or eighteen-pounders the front-line and support trenches, is to prevent the Germans bringing up water as well as food. up in trenches in the burning hot

earth in this fierce August weather. Most of the villages this side of Bapaume are filled up with the debris of houses which the British shell fire has battered down. The thing most noticeis supplied either by the British or ROME, August 13.—Premier Bozelli French armies, where it is found only and Walter Runciman will confer at in hospitals. The common use is Turin on Tuesday. Great importance is habitual to neither people. Yet there he has presided for a number of years, attached to the meeting. The Anglo- is surprisingly little heatstroke. It is Italian economic agreement is expected significant of the value of inoculation for typhoid that, despite the heat and battle conditions, where burying the dead and sanitation are hard to control, at the last report there were only Saturday, together with a check for seventeen cases in the immense Brit ish army in France.

Encouraging Decrease in Cases of Paralysis

NEW YORK, August 13 .- An encournging and altogether welcome drop in the number of infantile pacases and deaths was recorded by the Health Department to-day. The number of new cases in the greater city was 141 against 167 on Saturday-a decrease twenty-six. The number of deaths was fewer by twenty—a drop from forty-two on Saturday to twenty two to-day. This decrease affected every borough except the Bronx. where there were twenty-one nev cases-four more than Saturday. Dr Emerson, health commissioner, was loath to look upon the decrease n a sign of permanent wane of the disease. He declared he had hopes that the tide was beginning to chb. but that he couldn't conscientiously predict a steady full.

UNEXPECTED TURNS IN SEVENTH DISTRICT

Senator Downing Makes and Withdraws Announcement of Candidacy for Hay Vacancy.

WILL MAKE STATEMENT TO-DAY Efforts Made to Form Early-Weaver-

Downing Coalition in Order to Present United Front Against Judge Thomas W. Harrison.

Seventh District politics took a series of sudden and unexpected turns yeswould be a candidate for the House of the coalition being made effective. and the definite announcement made Its irregular skyline ing the result of further conferences to-day.

position to-day at Charlottesville, Floyd W. Weaver, of Luray, and State Senator N. B. Early, Jr., of Greene, both of whom have for some time been recognized aspirants for the llay va-

The significance of the conference lies in the fact that it indicates tween against Judge Harrison. Acording to gineer's report the dam was strengthreached after several conferences held in Luray and Harrisonburg on Friday FEARS FOR DAM'S SAFETY and urge his followers to support beginning March 4, 1917, and to sup- the dam had gone out. port State Senator Early for the un-

WITHDRAWAL OF WEAVER

IS STARTLING DEVELOPMENT every village on the way to Bapaume tion candidate to Judge Harrison for and Bapaume itself, while at the same the new term. This was the situation time their superior numbers of planes as late as Saturday. On that day Mr. continue dropping bombs on the same Weaver told Senator Downing in Luray targets that the artillery bombards. that he would withdraw in his favor Wherever the Germans are quar- if he would enter the race. Pressure tered they are subjected night and day was brought to bear on Senator AT GARDINIER'S BAY to this nerve-wrecking bombardment. Downing in Harrisonburg to under-

candidaev.

the JUDGE HARRISON LAUNCHES

VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN When Mr. Hay's appointment to the United States Court of Claims was first of Judge Harrison by his friends, that while he would accept the nomination if it were offered him he would make no active campaign. This policy of ed. The past week has seen the insertion of signed advertisements in behalf of Judge Harrison's candidacy in all of the papers of the Seventh Disferences with political leaders every county and city of the district.

Richmond friends of Judge Harrison agree that while the situation is not without its disquieting features, their candidate will be able to win over the Downing forces. He has the support of State Senator Harry F. Byrd, son of the former Speaker of the House of Delegates, and has the further advantage being generally well-known throughout most of the district,

lying wholly within It. The primary will be held on Septemher 2. Under the ruling adopted by the district committee, all aspirants must file notice of candidacy by next their proportionate share of the expense of holding the primary.

FLOOD RELEASED WHEN DAM BREAKS

Waters of Lake Toxaway Now Rushing Down Upon South Carolina Towns.

DANGER WARNINGS

Crumbling of Dam Believed Due to Natural Spring at

ASHEVILLE, N. C., August 13 .- The great dam at Lake Toxaway, fifty feet high, 400 feet in width and holding waters that covered 550 acres of land in the Toxaway region, thirtyeight miles from this city, crumbled and went out with a roar at 7:10 to-night, and at 11 o'clock to-night the waters thus released were racing to ward South Carolina cities in their path, including Walhalla, Anderson, Pickens and Seneca. Warning of flood danger were sent to all South Carolina points by the Associated Press at this city at 7:30 o'clock.

According to long-distance messages from Toxaway, the entire dam, built of earth and stone, seemed to melt bethe rush of waters within a few The initial opening in the dam, caused, it is believed, by the seeping of a natural spring at the base, was

AT COST OF \$38,000 The dam, which was built in 1902, bill, on which Senate a cost of \$38,000, was built at a point where the hills are not more than 400 feet apart. Over this dam the waters of Lake Toxaway River flow down a narrow and densely woodcomparatively uninhabited country several days, but it is believed that the dam was weakened by the heavy rains records by at least \$500,000,000. While at the same time. which flooded Western North Carolina during the week of July 16. This is the close of the session, the aggregate the third and largest of the lakes in appropriation by Congress for all purthe mountains of Western North Carolina which have gone out since the

July storms. The Toxaway country is known "the beautiful sapphire section" in tourist circles. The lake and the hotel, after the section, were built in 1902 by a party of Pittsburgh capi-The company originally owned 31,000 acres of land in the Toxaway country, the purchase being made with a view to mining operations. A few years ago, cotton mill owners, whose plants were in the path of the several expert engineers to investigate the safety of the dam, with the idea of securing legislative relief, should it be determined that their properties Following the enened materially, large piles of rock being unloaded at its base

DURING RECENT FLOOD weeks ago, during the flood

C., about midnight. cover a wide expanse of uninhabited academy, \$1,225,043. territory before reaching the South ACTION ON NAVAL BILL Carolina towns, thus minimizing the possibility of extensive damage.

MUCH DAMAGE THREATENED

thirty-eight miles west of Greenville will be taken on each of the disputed Valley and mountain sections will as the country is relatively flat and are at work preparing for the flood the naval program. waters. Sand bags are being placed on the dam and power-house, and other legislation to a close, the Senate will preparations are under way to combat the force of the flood. Walhalla, Seneca and Anderson are several miles from the river. There is

no town of importance on the course of the stream. A long-distance telephone message from a point within six miles of the

North Carolina line, on the Keowee River, stated that at midnight there had been no rise in the water. Inhabitants of the river valley have all been warned and are awake, the message stated. The people in that section do not anticipate much damage. SEVEN-FOOT WALL OF WATER

IS MOVING DOWN VALLEY

ANDERSON, S. C., August 13.-A wall of water seven feet high is moving down the Seneca River Valley to-night united opposition of the Early-Weaver- as a result of the breaking of the Toxaway dam, according to reports reaching here. Much damage to low-lying sections of the valley is feared, and officials of the Southern Public Utilities company have sent a large fouce of men to Portman Shoals, on the Seneca River, to try to save their big power

Warnings have been telegraphed tonight to all sections of the Seneca and upper Savannah River Valleys.

O. & O. MOUNTAIN EXCURSION August 17 to Charlottesville, Staunton, Unite Suiphur, Hot Springs and all Moun-tain Resorts. Round trip fares, \$2.50 to \$4.00. Natural Bridge, \$4.50.

Wife Bids for Services of Convict Husband

GREENSBORO, N. C., August 18,former Chief of Police J. W. Slaughwas convicted of mansinughter by s jury in Superior Court at Wentworth and sentenced to two years' Imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$400 for the killing at Draper sevral months ago of a white mar Thomas Weaver. At the time of the killing Slaughter was chief of poquires to be paid to the widow of Wenver. The jury permits the hiring out of Slaughter during the two years' sentence, and the wife of the convicted man has put in a bid for his services.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN FOR APPROPRIATIONS

Previous High Figures for Congress Will Be Exceeded by at Least Half Billion Dollars.

TOTAL ABOUT \$1,700,000,000

Caucus on Revenue Measure.

session nearing

exact figures cannot be computed until REACH CAPITAL IN TIME poses probably will approximate 700,000,000, as against \$1,114,000,000 for the Sixty-third Congress.

FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES city Besides regular supply bills, which Mr. Wilson's representative, arriving total, as they now stand, \$1.387,206,580, here at 9 o'clock to-night. Congress will have added when the shipping bill is approved more than communication from President Wilson \$90,000,000 for special purposes. There addressed to the railroad managers and also have been contract authorizations the brotherhoods, pointing out that such amounting to about \$207,000,000, all of a paralysis of business as would follow which would bring the grand aggregate to \$1,685,000,000, with the uncertain general deficiency appropriation of a disaster under present conditions, bill, still in the making, to be added at the end of the session.

000,000 for a government nitrate plant, \$6,000,000 for good roads, \$15,000,000 for rural credits, and \$50,100,000 for government shipping project. General supply bills that enter into the session's total are as follows:

be approved, \$315,826,843; army, \$267.- Mr. Tumulty's first step after reaching 597,000; pensions, \$158,060,000; sundry New York was to call President Wilcivil, \$128,396,445; rivers and harbors, son on the long-distance telephone to \$42,886,085; legislative, executive and decide upon an hour for the conference At 11 o'clock to-night a telephone judicial, \$37,925,690; army and navy at the White House to-morrow. message from Lake Toxaway stated and other urgent deficiencies, \$31,012,- EACH SIDE BLAMES that the lake was being rapidly drain- 075; agriculture, \$27,000,000; fortifica-It was believed that the flood tions, \$25,718,050; District of Columbia, waters would reach Walhalla and An- vet to be approved, about \$13,900,000; Indian affairs, \$10,967,644; diplomatic It is believed that the waters will and consular, \$5,355,096, and military

EXPECTED THIS WEEK naval bill is expected before the week their "contingent proposition." ALONG KEOWEE RIVER ends. On Tuesday the conference re-GREENVILLE, S. C., August 13.-At port will be called up in the House. The nine battleships of the squadron, The British artillery commander has take the campaign, and following 2 which the waters of Lake Toxaway the Naval Affairs Committee, will move contending that they would not arbi-The nine battleships of the squadron. The British artiflery commander has take the campaign, and the naval Affairs Committee, will move contonning that they would not arrive which will be commanded by Rear- only to say "Put twenty rounds of series of conferences there Saturday, will flow into the Savannah River, that the House agree to the Senate trate even if the railroads waived the

dartinguich and captured some enemy squadron will join the Atlantic Fleet, for the attendon, and away go the grant of Pozieres we and, as a tactical unit of Admiral messengers, roaring like railroad trains rison forces, will give them grave con- Keowee River, in Pickens and Oconee supporting the Senate's naval building renches. Northwest of Pozieres we and, as a tactical unit of Admiral messengers, roaring like railroad trains also made a further important advance. Mayo's command, will participate in a through the air with their tons of the primary little more corn. With the primary little more than two weeks away, the district will river. Above Clement Counties, which are separated by this and personnel increases, it is believed about an arbitration of the pending than two weeks away, the district will river. Above Clemson College the the House will agree to them after controversy between the railroads and see a fortnight of campaigning which Keowee and the Twelve-Mile Creek advocates of a small navy have made their employees in train and yard serwill be the most vigorous in a genera- have confluence, forming the Seneca, their last fight. If leaders' predictions vice, the United States Board of Mediation and probably the most exciting and thence pass by Clemson, where it are justified, the Senate will quickly tion and Concillation was to-day adis feared much damage will be done, adopt the conference report, so that the vised by the representatives of the emweek of the cruise the ships will re-softens things up for our infantry be-turn to the naval districts from which fore they attack. It is as demoralizing figure in the factional alignments, as thickly populated. Portman Shoals, ready for President Wilson's approval the matters in dispute to arbitration will also the "wet" and "dry" issues. where the light and power for the city by Saturday. Appropriations for prethere is being waged side by side with Seneca River, and to-night large forces \$640,000,000 if there is no reduction in paredness will aggregate approximately WILL NEITHER ARBITRATE

While the House is bringing defense pass the ship bill, workmen's compensation bill and conference reports, preparatory for the revenue bill, on which stubborn political assault will be waged by the Republicans. When the amended revenue bill gets through conference, it is expected Congress will come by September 1, although Senate Republicans intend to make one more attempt to force consideration of the immigration bill. Unless Democrats change their minds, this attempt will

DEMOCRATS HOLD STORMY

FIVE-HOUR DEBATE WASHINGTON, August 13 .- A corporation stock license tax to raise ap proximately \$20,000,000, elimination of with an amendment of the proposed net profit tax on munition manufactures, were determined upon by the Democratic Senate caucus to-night after a stormy five-hour debate on the revenue bill.

Southern and Western Senators made bitter assault on the Finance Committee amendment which proposed 10 per cent tax on the not profits of manufacturers of materials used as ton and copper entering into such the men. manufacture.

GENERAL STRIKE CAN BE AVERTED ONLY BY WILSON

Managers of Railways and Union Leaders Summoned to White House.

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT EARLY HOUR TO-DAY

Final Break Comes When Offer of Arbitration Is Refused by Brotherhoods.

EACH SIDE BLAMES OTHER

If President Falls, It Means Paralyzing of Nation's Industry.

NEW YORK, August 13 .-- A general strike on virtually all the railroads of the nation, paralyzing commerce and sage of Ship-Purchase Bill and throwing approximately 2,000,000 men House Approval of Senate's Naval out of employment, can be averted only Program Expected This Week. through the good offices of President Wilson, as a result of to-day's developments in the dispute over the men's WASHINGTON, August 13 .- The im- demands for an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime. versy was laid before the President, at his invitation, after the workers had flatly rejected any form of arbitration. They refused mediation yesterday.

Soon after accepting the President's summons, extended through the Federal Board of Mediation and Concilia ompletion have broken all records.

tion, the men announced that the leaders of the four railroad brother-\$50,000,000 ship-purchase bill, and hoods would leave for Washington at probable approval by the House of the midnight, accompanied by thirty of the Senate's gigantic naval bill, the ap- 600 delegates. An hour later the railpropriations of the Sixty-fourth Con- road managers, nineteen in number

FOR EARLY CONFERENCE fioth parties will reach Washington to-morrow in time for an early conference with the President. The hour for the meeting will be arranged by Secretary Tumulty, who started for this for Washington late to-day as

Mr. Tumulty brought with him a a general strike would be a catastrophe at any time, but would be nothing short On this ground the President based his request for a conference before a strike order is issued by the leaders of the

Negotiations had not been broken off when Mr. Tumulty left Washington, but when he reached Philadelphia he received a telegram from W. L. Chambers, one of the mediators, informing Post-office, \$322,266,579; navy, yet to him the men had declined to arbitrate.

OTHER FOR FAILURE The final break came late to-day, after the men had been in secret session nearly six hours. Reports differ as to the reason for the failure of the negotiations, in view of the cheerful outlook of the night before. The men assert they refused arbitration because Final action on the long-disputed the railroads insisted on arbitrating The board of mediators, in a state-

> contingent proposition. The statement of the mediators, issued by Judge Martin A. Knapp, chair-

> man of the board, just before their de-

NOR SUGGEST PLAN "The employees further stated to the board that they would not arbitrate their own demands, even if the contingent demands of the railroads were withdrawn, and also declined to suggest any other plan or method for a peaceful settlement of the controversy.

"They were informed that their decision would be at once made known be ready to adjourn. Leaders of both President claimed the right to a perto President Wilson, and also that the sonal interview with both parties fore any drastic action was taken. This request was, of course, granted, and a large delegation of employees, with a number of railroad managers, will be in Washington on Monday for a conference with the President.'

The chief objection of the men to arbitrating the railroad's "contingent proposition" lay in their contention that the proposal entailed the wiping out of double-compensation features which the men have gained during thirty of effort. The railroads have contended that double compensation, together with the demands of the men, f granted, would increase the wages of many of their employees more than

100 per cent. Elisha Lee, chairman of the conference committee of railroad managers. declined to discuss the crisis other than to say that the railroads had proposed first mediation and then arbitration materials of war. It was insisted that without success. He placed the ret would result in a heavy tax on cot- sponsibility for the utter failure upon

Mr. Garretson, the official spokesman